Hit Castro Backfired

Kennedy Was Trying To Get Castro, But Castro Got To Him First — LBJ

ROLANDO CUBELO, almost a Castro lookalike with the beard and cigar, wore his arm in a sling as a result of wounds he received in the Presidential Palace takeover in Havana on Castro's behalf.

now dead, a New Orleans businessman who was a power in the CIA. Morrow quotes him as declaring: "The assassination of a President may seem a monstrous act, but not if the alternative is an America under communist rule..."

Long afterward, Shaw was indicted on a conspiracy charge and acquitted as innocent.

But meanwhile, as Morrow tells it, the plot went ahead. Oswald was picked as the fall guy, to be fed to the police while the men who actually fired the shots in Dallas that Nov. 22 got away.

This part of the story fits in with recent Senate Intelligence Committee revelations of two Cuba-connected fugitives following the assassination. One fled Texas for Mexico the same day, and a Cuba-bound airliner was held back till he scrambled aboard.

The other reached Mexico the following day, and was immediately flown out to Cuba on an airliner with no other passengers.

According to Morrow, these were the men with Mannlicher rifles similar to the one Oswald owned, who fired at the President from hidden vantage points. The explanation that there was more than one man firing accounts for the puzzling profusion of wounds.

If the truth was known or suspected in Washington, why has it been so long coming into the open?

Current talk in the nation's capital is that the first ones to realize Castro's involvement had a terrible fear that if he were openly accused, it would lead to a confrontation with his backer, Russia — possibly the nuclear holocaust the whole world dreaded.

So they kept quiet — even the man in the White House, Lyndon B. Johnson.

News commentator Howard K. Smith has now revealed a confidential conversation with Johnson, long ago.

"I'll tell you something about Kennedy's murder that will rock you," Johnson confided. "Kennedy was trying to get Castro, but Castro got to him first."

Smith admits, "I was rocked all right. I begged for details, but he refused, saying it will all come out some day."

True enough, there have been rumors for years, in MIDNIGHT and elsewhere, despite the massive efforts to bury investigation under the Warren Report.

The CIA and the FBI were naturally reluctant to let the world find out they had been booby-trapped by a double agent.

They didn't even want to think about the truth — that it was the CIA plotting against Castro that led to the death of an American President.

That was why the CIA and the FBI kept secrets from the Warren Commission and even failed to follow up leads for fear of what they might learn.

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... Oswald was a small time CIA employee, working under orders. He had no idea what it was all about or where his own actions fitted into the picture.

A group inside the CIA itself, working closely with disgruntled Cuban exiles, plotted the assassination, says Morrow.

Oswald's boss was another CIA employee, Jack Ruby. Ruby knew the scope of the plot and wanted no part of it. But Ruby had a racket of his own on the side, drug-running from Cuba. It made him vulnerable to blackmail.

Ruby was the Dallas nightclub operator who walked up to Oswald and, as the nation watched on TV, shot him at close range. Ruby too is now dead, but his claim was he performed the act out of love for the dead President. Morrow says this is the truth about Ruby:

He was ordered to liquidate Oswald, to keep his mouth shut, and threatened with a jail sentence on a drug charge if he hesitated.

What did the CIA cabal have against JFK? Morrow explains the CIA group and its Cuban exile friends blamed Kennedy for the Bay of Pigs invasion failure. And they charged him with playing politics in the Cuban missile crisis.

"If our President and his brother sit on the missile information, he won't live through his first term," Morrow heard from an insider.

The CIA-Cuban exile plotters regarded JFK as a traitor. They felt he wasn't ready enough to battle Castro, whom they saw as a deadly menace to the U.S.

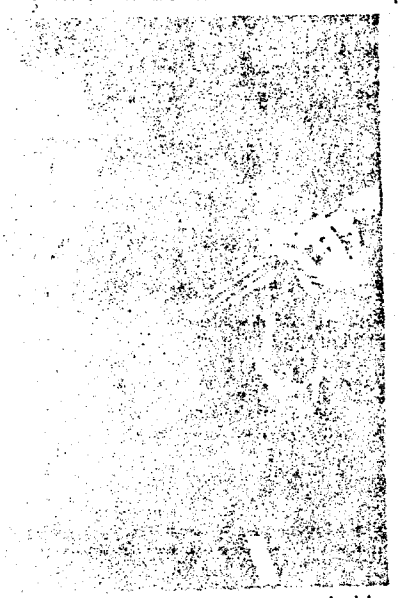
Their first plan was to ruin Castro by counterfeiting Cuban currency to smash the economy. They were running their counterfeiting operation with U.S. government funds and salaries, but naturally they had to keep it dark from the White House.

Their secrecy succeeded too well — for the Secret Service broke in and arrested them as ordinary counterfeiters. Morow himself was handed a two-year sentence, suspended, in connection with the scheme.

The insiders felt the White House had interfered with their last hope — short of violence — of breaking Castro.

"If we can't get Castro because of the President, we'll get the President first, so we can get at Castro," one of them warned Morrow.

The kingpin of the group, his book says, was Clay Shaw.



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